

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

Public Notice Concerning the Appointment of New Magistrate Judge

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the District of Colorado located in Denver, Colorado. Magistrate Judge Boyd N. Boland, the current incumbent, will be retiring effective February 8, 2015.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this district include: (1) conduct preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. Effective February 3, 2014 the court began a Pilot Program that places magistrate judges on the civil draw. Under this program, magistrate judges draw a full 100% share of the civil cases filed in the district. The Pilot Program requires the parties in cases assigned directly to a magistrate judge to indicate, through the filing of a consent form by a date certain, whether they accept or decline consent. The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$183,172. The term of office is eight (8) years.

A magistrate judge application form may be obtained from the court's website at: <https://www.cod.uscourts.gov/HR/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx> (under "District Court" towards bottom of page). Persons interested in applying must submit their application packet electronically in PDF format and include a cover letter indicating interest in the position, completed application form, and any supporting documentation. Submissions must be e-mailed

to cod_magistratejudge_submissions@cod.uscourts.gov and must be received by close of business (5:00 p.m. MDT) on Monday, June 16, 2014.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

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